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1. THE MISSION IS IN THE PROCESS OF EXAMINING THE POSTURE OF THE BORDER PATROL POLICE IN BOTH COUNTER-INSURGENCY AND NARCOTICS SUPPRESSION ACTIVITIES. AS THESE STUDIES PROCEED, WE HOPE TO OBTAIN A CLEARER PICTURE OF HOW WELL THE BORDER PATROL POLICE ARE EQUIPPED TO DO THEIR JOB. AT THAT POINT, A POLICY DETERMINATION WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE AS TO WHETHER SUPPORT FOR THE BORDER PATROL POLICE IN EITHER OF THESE ACTIVITIES IS NEEDED AND, IF SO, WHETHER THIS WOULD BE A PRUDENT USE OF U.S. FUNDS. WITH PARTICULAR REGARD TO COUNTERINSURGENCY, CAREFUL CONSIDERATITN WOULD HAVE TO BE GIVEN TO THE DESIRABILITY OR UNDESIRABILITY OF MEASURES THAT MIGHT TEND TO RELIEVE THE RTG OF FULL RESPONSIBILITY.

2. IF IT WERE DECIDED THAT U.S. SUPPORT FOR THE BORDER PATROL POLICE WAS JUSTIFIED, THE LEGAL INHIBITIONS THEREON WOULD HAVE TO BE ADDRESSED.

3. FOR THE FOREGOING REASONS, WE THINK A VISIT BY INSPECTORS GIVEN AND KNAUF MIGHT BE PREMATURE AT THIS TIME. PERHAPS A MORE DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THEIR MISSION WOULD ENABLE US TO REVISE THIS
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